

Item Descriptions for the JVQ-R2

Note: Item labels (Robbery, Personal Theft, etc.) are not part of the questionnaire to be administered to respondents, but are for interpretation only. This description uses the youth self-report, lifetime referent version, but the constructs are the same for all versions.

Now we are going to ask you about some things that might have happened in your life.

Module A: CONVENTIONAL CRIME

C1) Robbery

At any time in your life, did anyone use force to take something away from you that you were carrying or wearing?

C2) Personal Theft

At any time in your life, did anyone steal something from you and never give it back? Things like a backpack, money, watch, clothing, bike, stereo, or anything else?

C3) Vandalism

At any time in your life, did anyone break or ruin any of your things on purpose?

C4) Assault with Weapon

Sometimes people are attacked with sticks, rocks, guns, knives, or other things that would hurt. At any time in your life, did anyone hit or attack you on purpose with an object or weapon? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

C5) Assault without Weapon

At any time in your life, did anyone hit or attack you without using an object or weapon?

C6) Attempted Assault

At any time in your life, did someone start to attack you, but for some reason, it didn't happen? For example, someone helped you or you got away?

C7) Threatened Assault

At any time in your life, did someone threaten to hurt you when you thought they might really do it?

C8) Kidnapping

When a person is kidnapped, it means they were made to go somewhere, like into a car, by someone who they thought might hurt them. At any time in your life, did anyone try to kidnap you?

C9) Bias Attack

At any time in your life, have you been hit or attacked because of your skin color, religion, or where your family comes from? Because of a physical problem you have? Or because someone said you were gay?

Module B: CHILD MALTREATMENT

Next, we are going to ask about grown-ups who take care of you. This means parents, babysitters, adults who live with you, or others who watch you. Before we begin, I want to remind you that your answers will be kept totally private. If there is a particular question that you don't want to answer, that's O.K. But it is important that you be as honest as you can, so that [the researchers/we] can get a better idea of the kinds of things that kids your age sometimes face.

M1) Physical Abuse by Caregiver

Not including spanking on your bottom, at any time in your life, did a grown-up in your life hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt you in any way?

M2) Psychological/Emotional Abuse

At any time in your life, did you get scared or feel really bad because grown-ups in your life called you names, said mean things to you, or said they didn't want you?

M3) Neglect

When someone is neglected, it means that the grown-ups in their life didn't take care of them the way they should. They might not get them enough food, take them to the doctor when they are sick, or make sure they have a safe place to stay. At any time in your life, were you neglected?

M4) Custodial Interference/Family Abduction

Sometimes a family fights over where a child should live. At any time in your life, did a parent take, keep, or hide you to stop you from being with another parent?

Module C: PEER AND SIBLING VICTIMIZATION

P1) Gang or Group Assault

Sometimes groups of kids or gangs attack people. At any time in your life, did a group of kids or a gang hit, jump, or attack you?

P2) Peer or Sibling Assault

(If yes to P1, say: "Other than what you just told me about.....") At any time in your life, did any kid, even a brother or sister, hit you? Somewhere like: at home, at school, out playing, in a store, or anywhere else?

P3) Nonsexual Genital Assault

At any time in your life, did any kids try to hurt your private parts on purpose by hitting or kicking you there?

P4) Physical Intimidation by Peers

At any time in your life, did any kids, even a brother or sister, pick on you by chasing you or grabbing you or by making you do something you didn't want to do?

P5) Relational Aggression by Peers

At any time in your life, did you get scared or feel really bad because kids were calling you names, saying mean things to you, or saying they didn't want you around?

P6) Dating Violence (*Note: Suggested for children aged 12 and older.*)

At any time in your life, did a boyfriend or girlfriend or anyone you went on a date with slap or hit you?

Module D: SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

S1) Sexual Assault by Known Adult

At any time in your life, did a grown-up you know touch your private parts when they shouldn't have or make you touch their private parts? Or did a grown-up you know force you to have sex?

S2) Sexual Assault by Unknown Adult

At any time in your life, did a grown-up you did not know touch your private parts when they shouldn't have, make you touch their private parts or force you to have sex?

S3) Sexual Assault by Peer/Sibling

Now think about other kids, like from school, a boy friend or girl friend, or even a brother or sister. At any time in your life, did another child or teen make you do sexual things?

S4) Forced Sex (Including attempts)

At any time in your life, did anyone try to force you to have sex; that is, sexual intercourse of any kind, even if it didn't happen?

S5) Flashing/Sexual Exposure

At any time in your life, did anyone make you look at their private parts by using force or surprise, or by "flashing" you?

S6) Verbal Sexual Harassment

At any time in your life, did anyone hurt your feelings by saying or writing something sexual about you or your body?

S7) Statutory Rape & Sexual Misconduct (*Note: Suggested for children aged 12 and older.*)

At any time in your life, did you do sexual things with anyone 18 or older, even things you both wanted?

Module E: WITNESSING AND INDIRECT VICTIMIZATION

W1) Witness to Domestic Violence

At any time in your life, did you SEE a parent get pushed, slapped, hit, punched, or beat up by another parent, or their boyfriend or girlfriend?

W2) Witness to Parent Assault of Sibling

At any time in your life, did you SEE a parent hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt your brothers or sisters, not including a spanking on the bottom?

W3) Witness to Assault with Weapon

At any time in your life, in real life, did you SEE anyone get attacked on purpose WITH a stick, rock, gun, knife, or other thing that would hurt? Somewhere like: at home, at school, at a store, in a car, on the street, or anywhere else?

W4) Witness to Assault without Weapon

At any time in your life, in real life, did you SEE anyone get attacked or hit on purpose WITHOUT using a stick, rock, gun, knife, or something that would hurt?

W5) Burglary of Family Household

At any time in your life, did anyone steal some thing from your house that belongs to your family or someone you live with? Things like a TV, stereo, car, or anything else?

W6) Murder of Family Member or Friend

At any time in your life, was anyone close to you murdered, like a friend, neighbor or someone in your family?

W7) Witness to Murder [*Note: Included in NatSCEV I, Waves 1 and 2 but omitted from NatSCEV II*]

At any time in your life, did you SEE someone murdered in real life? This means not on TV, video games, or in the movies?

W8) Exposure to Random Shootings, Terrorism, or Riots

At any time in your life, were you in any place in real life where you could see or hear people being shot, bombs going off, or street riots?

W9) Exposure to War or Ethnic Conflict

At any time in your life, were you in the middle of a war where you could hear real fighting with guns or bombs?

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

NOTE: Supplemental items are not included in the forms, but can be added when more detail is desired about certain types of victimizations.

MODULE G: EXPOSURE TO FAMILY VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

[Note: This module was included in NatSCEV I, Waves 1 and 2, and NatSCEV II]

The next set of questions are about people who have taken care of (your child/you) – that would include (your child’s/your) parents, stepparents, and (his/her/your) parents’ boyfriends or girlfriends, whether (your child/you) lived with them or not. It would also include other grown-ups, like grandparents or foster parents if they took care of (your child/you) on a regular basis. When we say “parent” in these next questions, we mean any of these people.

EF1) Parent Verbally Threatened

At any time in your life, did one of your parents threaten to hurt another parent and it seemed they might really get hurt?

EF2) Parental Displaced Aggression

At any time in your life, did one of your parents, because of an argument, break or ruin anything belonging to another parent, punch the wall, or throw something?

EF3) Parent Pushed

At any time in your life, did one of your parents get pushed by another parent?

EF4) Parent Hit or Slapped

At any time in your life, did one of your parents get hit or slapped by another parent?

EF5) Parent Severely Physically Assaulted

At any time in your life, did one of your parents get kicked, choked, or beat up by another parent?

EF6) Other Family Violence Exposure

Now we want to ask you about fights between any grown-ups and teens, not just between your parents. At any time in your life, did any grown-up or teen who lives with you push, hit, or beat up someone else who lives with you, like a parent, brother, grandparent, or other relative?

MODULE H: SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND THREAT

[Notes: This module was included in NatSCEV I, Waves 1 and 2, and NatSCEV II. Asked only of youth aged 5 and older]

Now we’d like to know about your school. Just as with other questions, we want to know about anything that happened in your whole life, including at the school you go to now and any schools you went to when you were younger.

SC1) School Threat of Bomb or Attack

Have you ever gone to a school where someone said there was going to be a bomb or attack on the school and you thought they might really mean it?

SC2) School Vandalism

Have you ever gone to a school where someone damaged the school or started a fire in the school on purpose? Or did anyone break or ruin other school property like buses, windows, or sports equipment?

OTHER SEVERE ASSAULTS

[Note: A1 and A2 were asked in NatSCEV I, Wave 2, and NatSCEV II]

A1) Assault by Adult

Other than times you have already told me about, did any *grown-up* ever hit or attack you?

A2) Assault with Injury

Other than times you have already told me about, were you ever hurt because someone hit or attacked you on purpose?

ELECTRONIC VICTIMIZATION

[Notes: INT1 and INT2 were included in NatSCEV I, Waves 1 and 2, and NatSCEV II. INT1B is new to NatSCEV II. All asked only for youth aged 5 and older. These items were adapted from the Youth Internet Safety Survey.]

INT1) Internet Harassment

Has anyone ever used the Internet to bother or harass you or to spread mean words or pictures about you?

INT1B) Cell Phone Harassment

Has anyone ever used a cell phone or texting to bother or harass you or to spread mean words or pictures about you?

INT2) Unwanted Internet Sexual Messages

Did anyone on the Internet ever ask you sexual questions about yourself or try to get you to talk online about sex when you did not want to talk about those things?

MODULE F: EXPOSURE TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

[Note: This module was included in NatSCEV I, Wave 1 only]

ECV1) Exposure to Sexual Assault

At any time in your life, did you know about anyone close, like a family member or good friend, who was forced to have sex, or touched in their private parts when they didn't want it?

ECV2) Exposure to Robbery

At any time in your life, did you know about anyone close, like a family member or good friend, who was robbed or mugged?

ECV3) Exposure to Threatened Assault with Weapon

At any time in your life, did you know anyone close, like a family member or good friend, who was threatened with a gun or knife?

SUPPLEMENTAL NEGLECT ITEMS

[Note: These items are new to NatSCEV II]

M5) Neglect from Parental Incapacitation

Was there a time in your life that you often had to look after yourself because a parent drank too much alcohol, took drugs, or wouldn't get out of bed?

M6) Neglect from Parental Absence

Was there a time in your life when you often had to go looking for a parent because the parent left you alone, or with brothers and sisters, and you didn't know where the parent was?

M7) Neglect from Inappropriate Adults in Home

Was there a time in your life when your parents often have had people over at the house who you were afraid to be around?

M8) Neglect from Unsafe Environment

Was there a time in your life when you lived in a home that was broken down, unsafe, or unhealthy. For example, it had broken stairs, toilets or sinks that didn't work, trash piled up, and things like that?

M9) Neglect from Lack of Hygiene Supervision

Was there a time in your life when your parents did not care if you were clean, wore clean clothes, or brushed your teeth and hair?

SUPPLEMENTAL PEER RELATIONAL AGGRESSION ITEMS

[Note: These items are new to NatSCEV II]

P7) Social Discrediting by Peers

At any time in your life, did any kids ever tell lies or spread rumors about you, or tried to make others dislike you?

P8) Social Exclusion by Peers

At any time in your life, did any kids ever keep you out of things on purpose, excluded you from their group of friends, or completely ignored you?